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## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 16, 2001, the period of time for response having been extended until February 19, 2002 by the accompanying Petition and fee (February 16, 2002 being a Saturday, and February 18, 2002 being Washington's Birthday), Applicants request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace claim 21 with the following amended version of the claim. For the Examiner's convenience, all pending claims are listed below.